## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re Application of:		)	
		:	Examiner: J. S. Park
MASAKAZU FUJIKI, ET AL.		)	
		:	Group Art Unit: 2154
Application No.: 10/534,750		)	-
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the final Office Action dated January 22, 2008, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: